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THE FOLLOWING SENT SAIGON FROM AMCONSUL DANANG 19 MAY 73
REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION AND INFO. QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L DANANG 0558

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1. THE FOLLOWING INITIAL VILLAGE ELECTION REPORT HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY QUANG NAM POLOFF: PRELIMINARY RETURNS FOR THE FIRST SET OF VILLAGE ELECTIONS IN HIEU NHON DISTRICT, HELD ON MAY 15, INDICATE THAT THE DEMOCRACY PARTY HAS SCORED STRONG PRCTORIES. IN HOI AN CITY, WHERE 71 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS TURNED OUT, 7 OF THE 8 ELECTED COUNCILLORS ARE DP MEMBERS. THE 8 TH COUNCILLOR A VNQDD MEMBER WHO SQUEAKED IN WITH THE SMALLEST NUMBER OF VOTES AMONG THE VICTORS, HAS REPORTEDLY ALREADY EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO RESIGN, FACED AS HE IS WITH SO STRONG AN OPPOSITION THAT " HE WON' T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING". 97 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS IN CAM HA VILLAGE ELECTED A STRAIGHT SLATE OF 8 DEMOCRACY PARTY MEMBERS, WHILE IN MUCH SMALLER CAM THANH VILLAGE A 93 PERCENT

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TURN- OUT ELECTED 4 DP AND 2 VNQDD COUNCILLORS.

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